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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. The response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action. Thus, there is no need for an extension in the period for response. But if any fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 3772-22.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-3.

Claims 106, 109, 111 and 115 are amended.

Claims 96-105 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.